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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, April 20, 2017  
Issued: 0800 CT

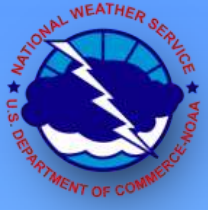
***Day 1 Weather Impacts:*** Slight risk of severe storms over the TX Panhandle into W-Central OK.  
Heavy rainfall expected over N-Cntrl & NE OK & NW AR late tonight into Friday; flash flooding and river flooding are possible.

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# Key Points



## Today

- Slight risk of severe storms over the TX Panhandle into W-Central OK; damaging winds and hail are the main threats
- Heavy rainfall expected over N-Central & NE OK as well as NW AR late tonight into Friday; flash flooding and river flooding are possible
- Elevated fire weather conditions possible over W NM this afternoon

## Friday

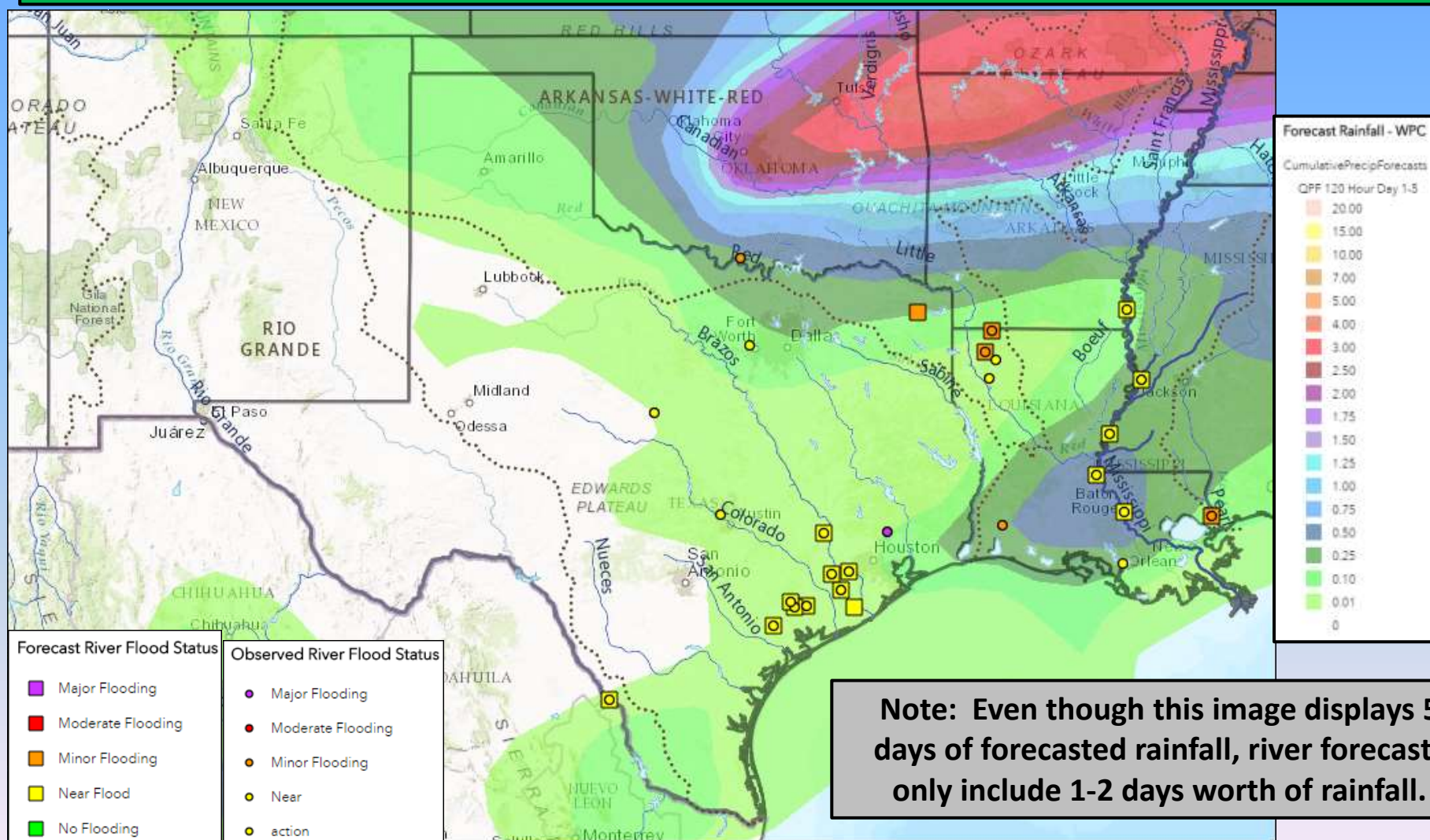
- Slight risk of severe storms over Central & E OK, N-Central TX and W AR; damaging winds and hail are the main threats, isolated tornado possible
- Heavy rainfall expected to continue over NE OK & NW AR; flash flooding and river flooding are possible
- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible over NM

## Saturday - Monday

- A few strong to severe storms possible over LA and SE AR Saturday afternoon/evening; damaging winds and hail are the main threats
- No significant weather expected Sunday/Monday

# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

A few sites in SE TX remain near flood and sites in LA/NE TX are in minor flood stage. Heavy rains expected tonight into Friday over NE OK/N AR may produce minor to major flooding over these areas.



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 20, 2017 - Apr 24, 2017

	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Weather	TX Panhandle, W-Central OK	Central & E OK, N-Central TX and W AR	LA, SE AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	N-Central & NE OK, NW AR	NE OK, N AR			
Fire Weather	W NM	NM			
River Flooding	NE OK, NW AR	NE OK, N AR			

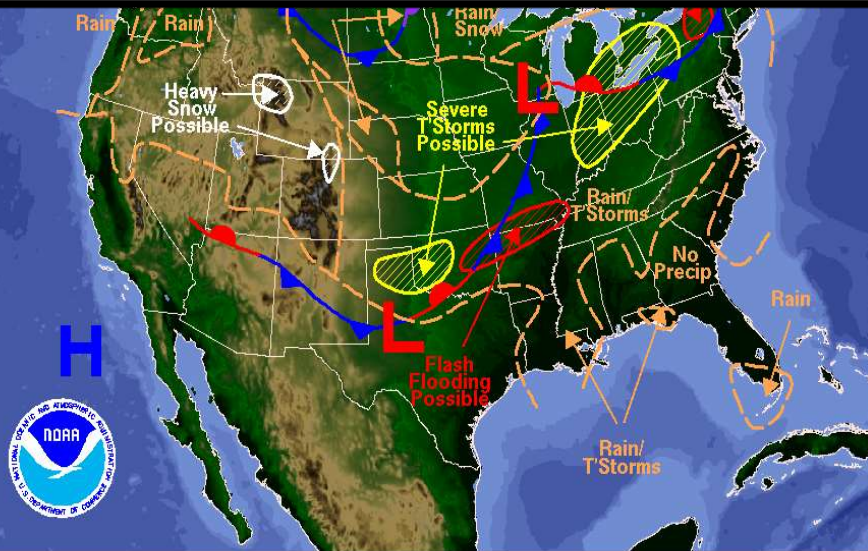
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*





# Today's Weather

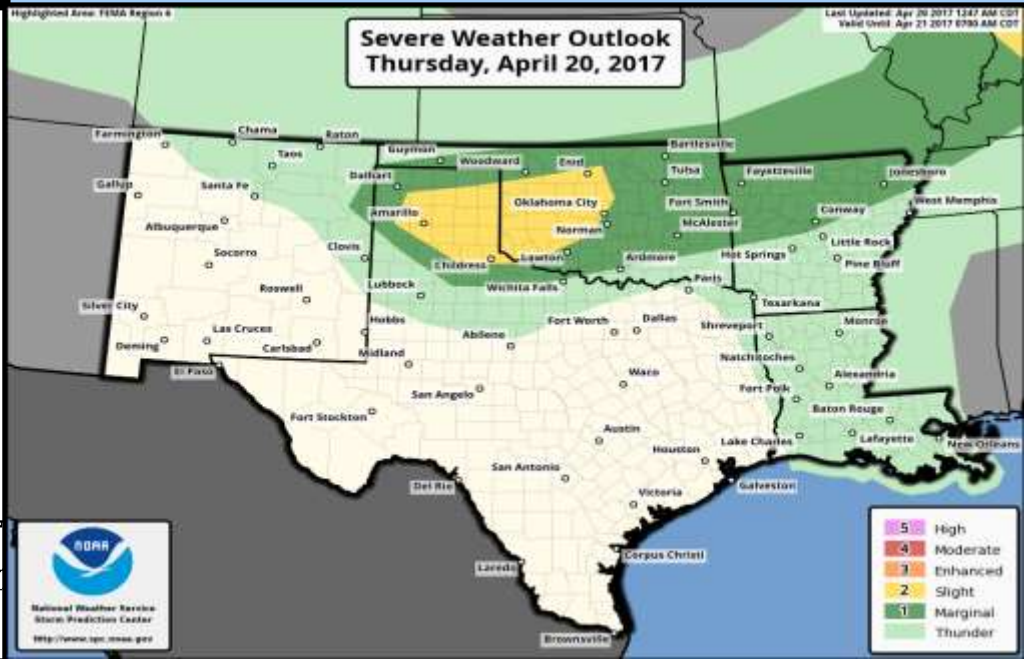
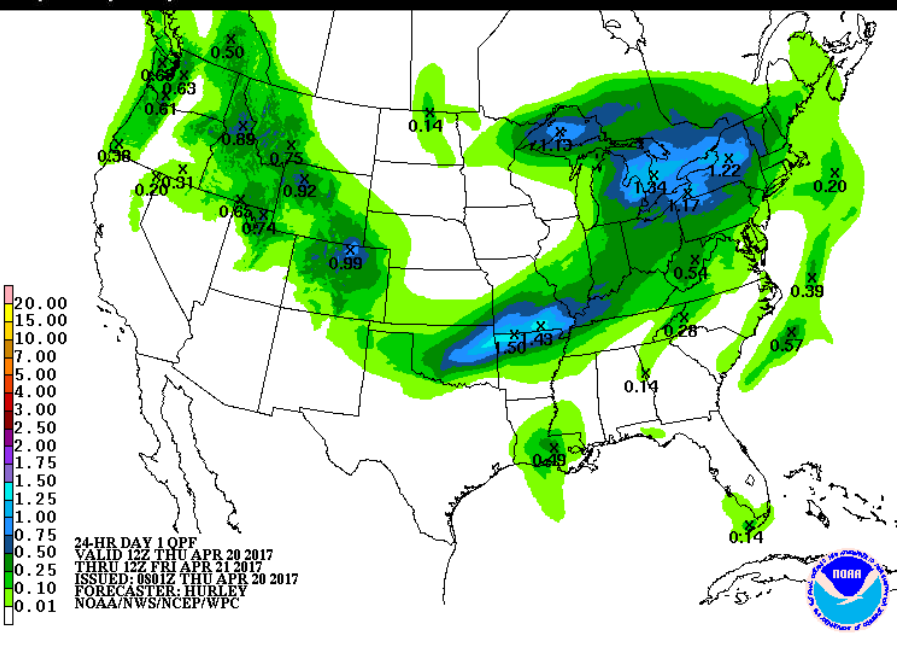


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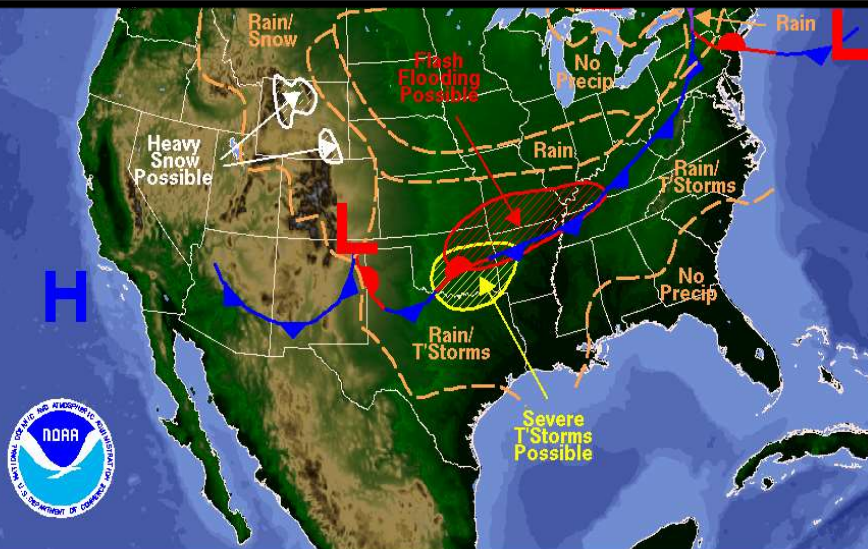
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Elevated fire weather conditions possible over W NM this afternoon.

Weather Forecast for Thu, Apr 20, 2017, issued 4:48 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



# Tomorrow's Weather

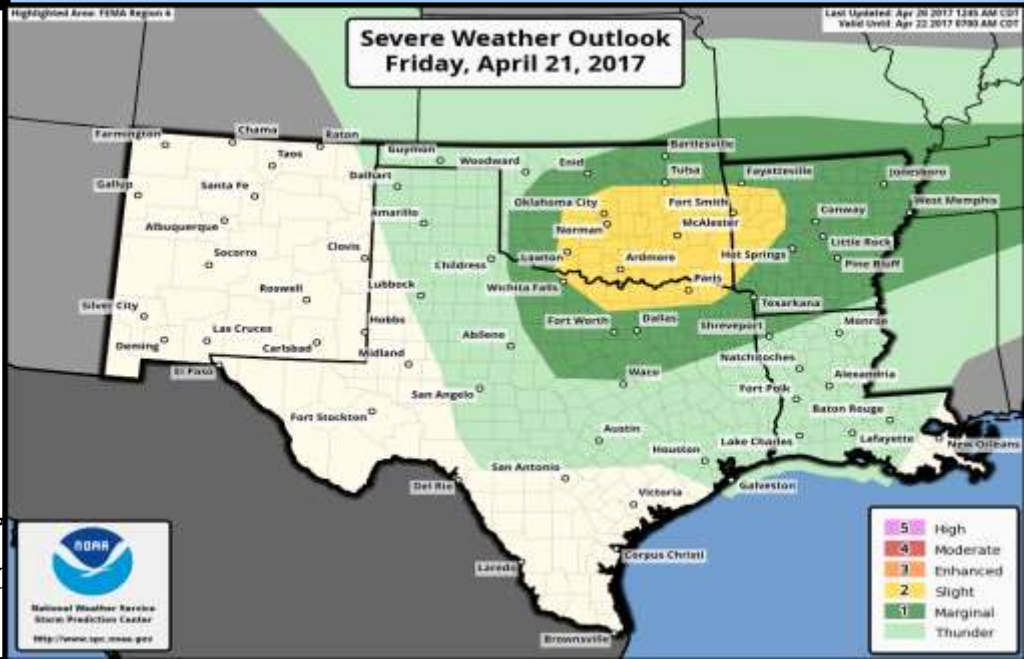
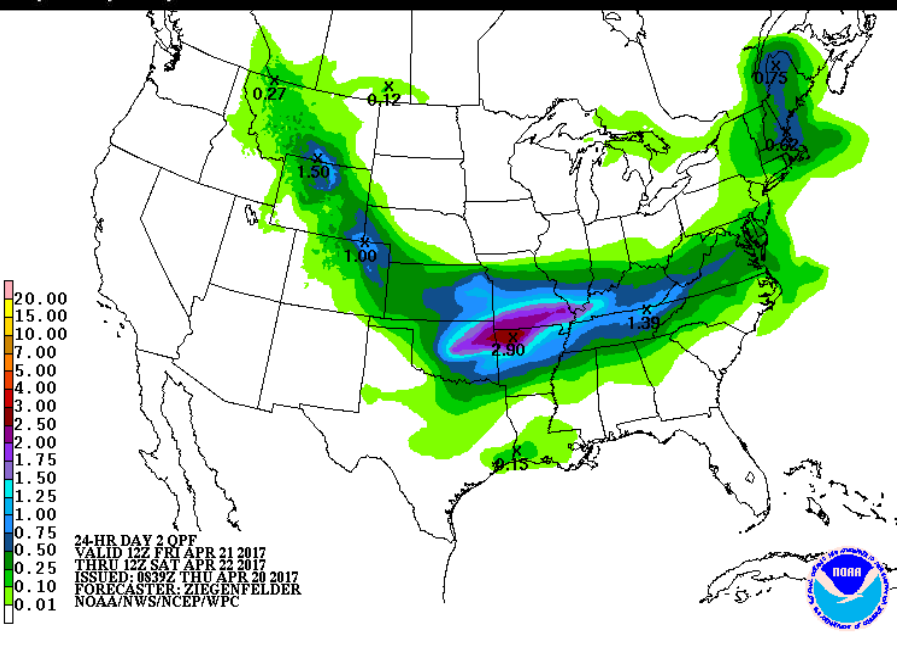


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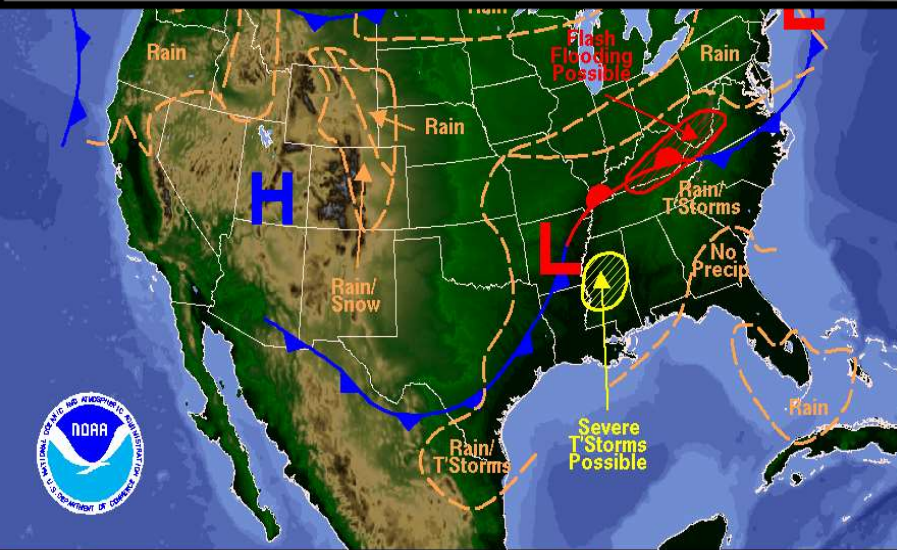
Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible over NM.

Weather Forecast for Fri, Apr 21, 2017, issued 4:56 AM EDT Thu, Apr 20, 2017  
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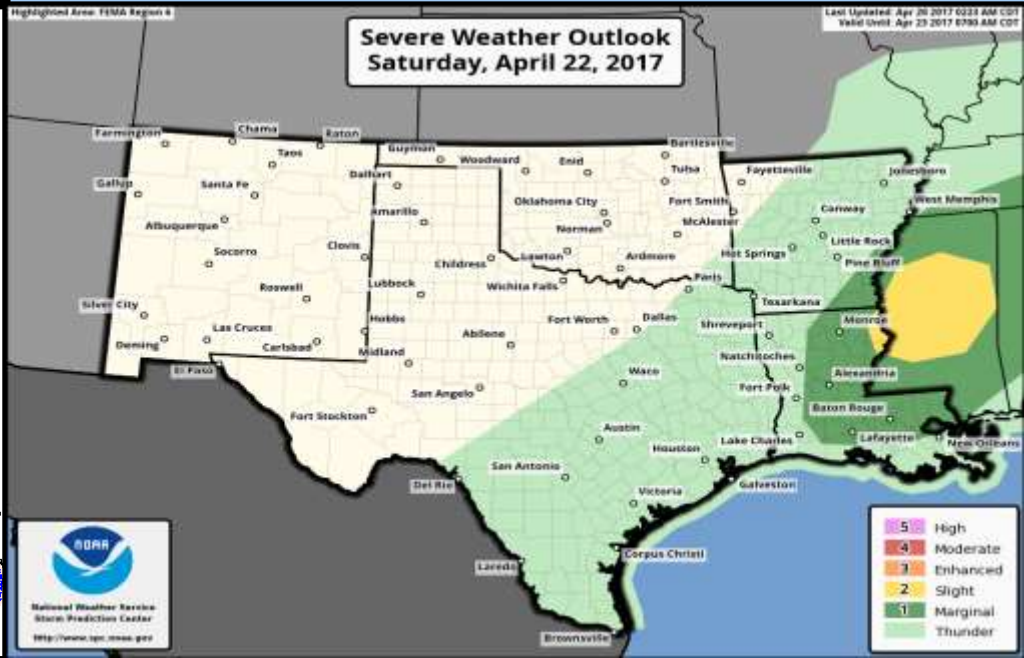
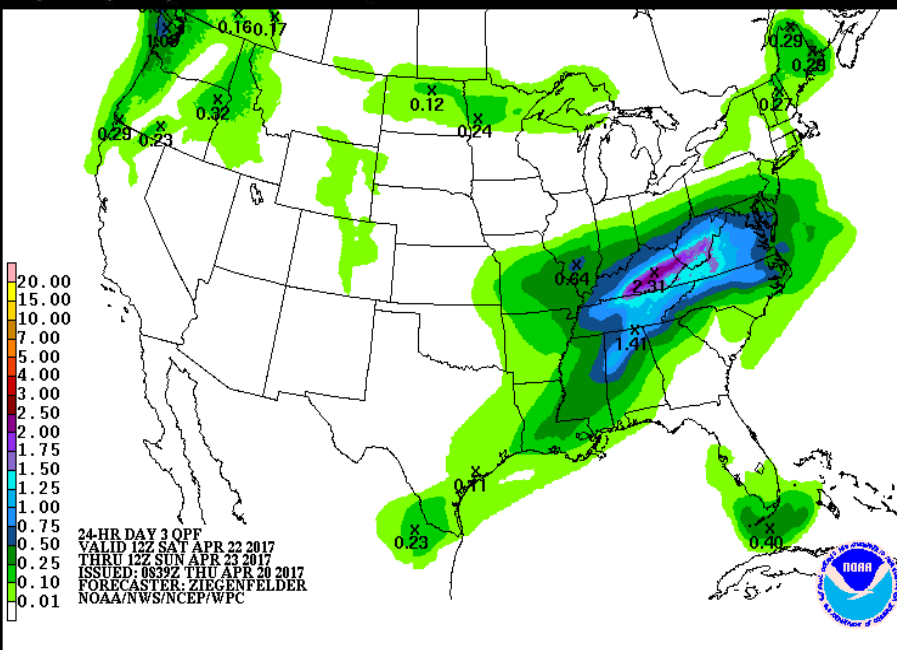


# Saturday's Weather



A few strong to severe storms possible over LA and SE AR in the afternoon/evening; damaging winds and hail are the main threats.

Weather Forecast for Sat, Apr 22, 2017, issued 5:00 AM EDT Thu, Apr 20, 2017  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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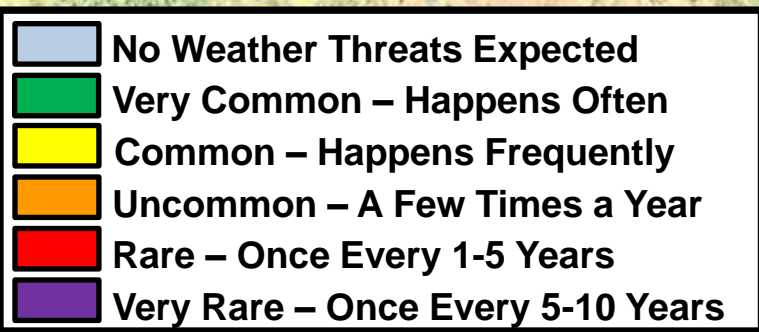


# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



**No significant  
weather expected.**



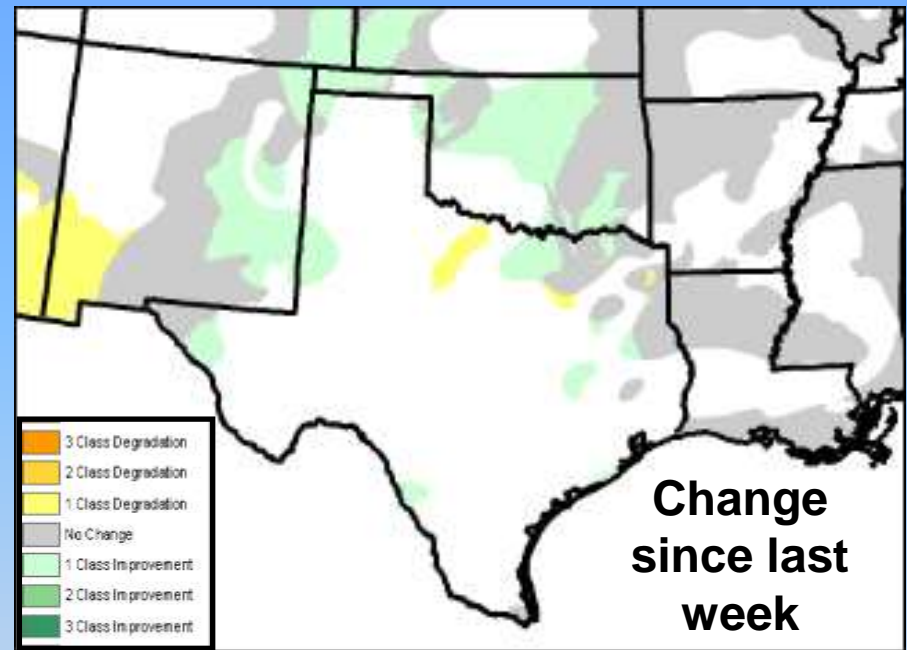
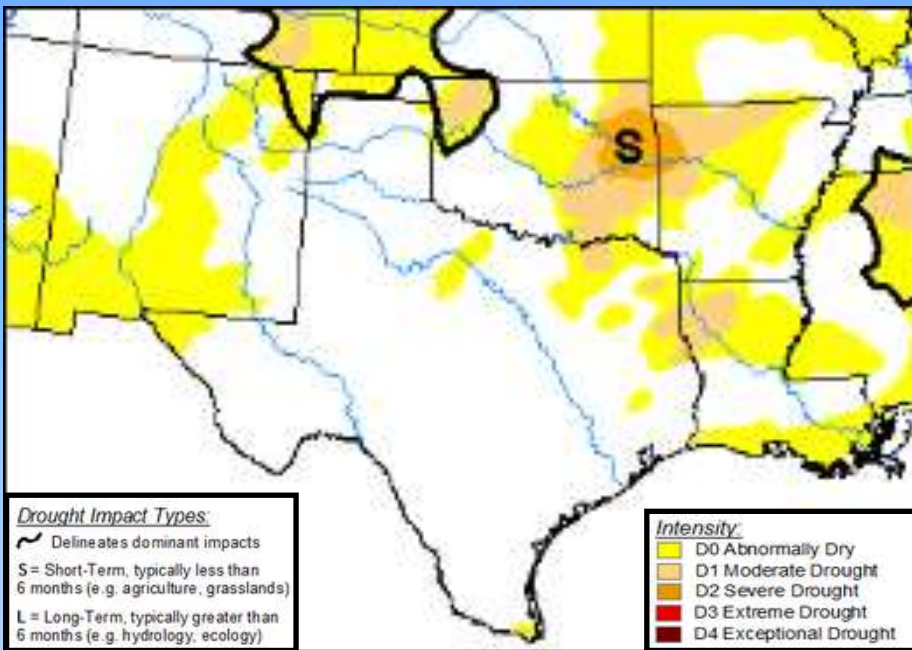
\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.





# Drought Monitor Released April 20th, 2017

Data valid as of 7am CST, Tuesday, April 18th, 2017



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.02%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

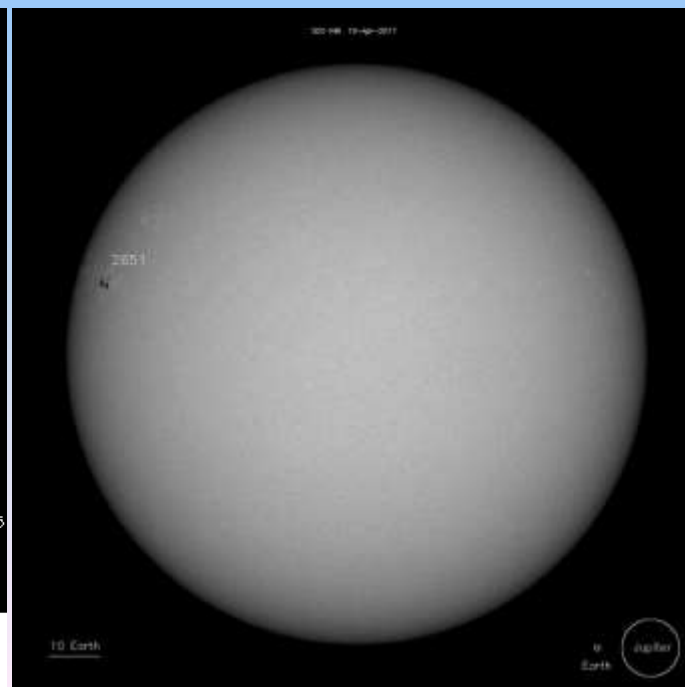
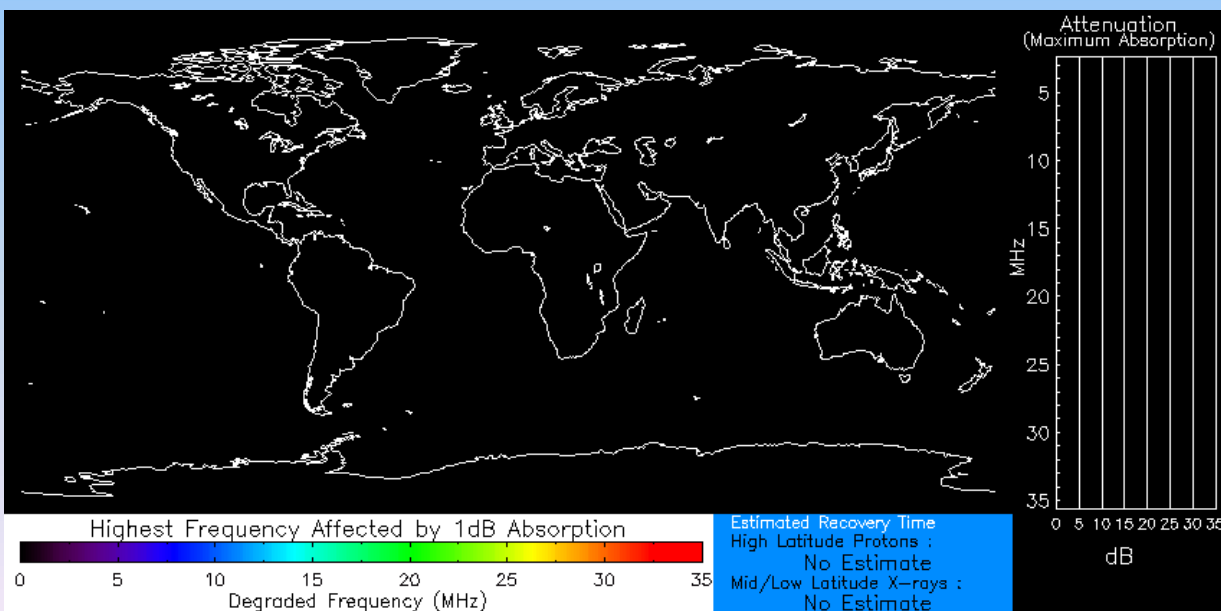
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)</b>	<b>Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>